

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 965

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Clarksville Academy cheerleading squad upon being named the “Best Cheer Squad” at the Class A State Basketball Tournament.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Academy cheerleading squad is renowned for its nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility in the world of cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Academy cheerleaders achieved an unsurpassed level of success during the 2009-2010 season by gaining recognition as the “Best Cheer Squad” at the Class A State Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, during the many games played throughout the Class A State Basketball Tournament, the members of this spectacular squad awed the crowds with their strength and grace, while duly impressing the players and coaches as they showcased their remarkable talents, which have been developed through many hours of strenuous practice; and

WHEREAS, the talented and athletic individuals of this magnificent squad were inspired to do their best by Clarksville Academy seniors Brianna Fuller and Sarah Wallace’s stirring rendition of the National Anthem, which they beautifully delivered prior to the Class A and Class 3A Championship games; and

WHEREAS, responding to Clarksville Academy cheerleading squad’s rousing cheers and unrivaled school spirit, the Clarksville Academy fans were named “Best Fans” at the Class A State Basketball Tournament, and the Clarksville Academy Cougars were crowned the Class

A State Champions, becoming the first school from Montgomery County to win a state championship in basketball and earning Clarksville Academy's first state title in any sport; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville's recognition as the "Best Cheer Squad" would not have been possible without the astute leadership of Coach Denise Walker and Assistant Coach Angie Henson; and

WHEREAS, the team is especially grateful for the invaluable support of its school administrators, including the Head of School Kay Drew, Head of Upper School Colleen White, Athletic Director Gary Shephard, and Chairman of the Board Frazier Allen; and

WHEREAS, this impressive cheerleading team enjoys the guidance and dedication of two tremendous team captains, Emily Henson and Chelsi Warren; and

WHEREAS, this year's Clarksville Academy cheerleading squad is comprised of seniors Emily Henson, Chelsi Warren, Sarah Wallace, and Betsy Bagget; juniors Rachel Massey, McKinley Perry, and Kaleigh Goostree; sophomores Sarah Elrod, Claire Kinney, and Megan Thompson; and freshmen MacKenzie McConnell, Kayla Franks, and Lacy Ladd; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clarksville Academy cheerleading team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clarksville Academy cheerleading team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Clarksville Academy cheerleading squad on their exceptional legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their triumph in being named the "Best Cheer Squad" at the Class A State Basketball Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.